

## **B. PATENTABILITY ARGUMENTS**

### **I. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3 as being anticipated by patent no. 5,029,847 to H. Ross. Applicant has cancelled claims 1 through 3. Consequently, the Examiner's rejections are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be removed.

### **II. Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)**

The Examiner then rejects claims 9 and 27 as being obvious over Ross in view of patent no. 6,599,222 to K. Wince. Applicant has cancelled claims 9 and 27. Consequently, the Examiner's rejections are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be removed.

## **C. REMARKS**

The Examiner has stated that claims 4 through 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 4 to include the limitations of claims 1 and 3 and amended the dependency of claim 5 to depend from claim 4 instead of claim 3.

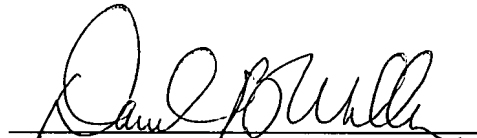
Applicant submits that to the best of his knowledge these amendments do not add new matter to the specification.

Claims 1-3, 9 and 27 have been cancelled.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue an allowance of claims 4-8.

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